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FOLLOWING REPEAT BRASILIA 2796 ACTION SECSTATE INFO CANBERRA
CARACAS NEW DELHI OTTAWA STOCKHOLM GENEVA DATED 14 APR 75
QUOTE

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SUBJECT: IRON ORD XPORTERS' ORGANIZATION

1. EMBASSY OFFICER MET TODAY (APRIL 11) WITH SECRETARY GENERAL
OF MINISTRY AND MINES AND ENERGY, ARNALDO BARBALHO, AT LATTER'S
REQUEST. BARBALHO SAID THAT HE HAD ASKED FOR MEETING TO INFORM
EMBASSY, ON BEHALF OF MINISTER UEKI, THAT AFTER CAREFUL CONSIDER-
ATION, GOB HAS DDCI
ED IN FAVOR OF JOINING IRON ORE
PRODUCER'S ORGANIZATION AGREED UPON IN GENEVA AT BEGINNING OF
MONTH. BARBALHO SAID GOB IS SATISFIED THAT ORGANIZATION IS
NOW SUFFICIENTLY DIFFERENT FROM ORIGINAL CARTEL-LIKE APROPOSAL,
SUPPORTED INITIALLY BY INDIA, VENEZUELA AND AUSTRALIA, THAT
ORGANIZATION WILL NOT BE ONE FOR CONFRONTATION WITH CONSUMERS
AND DOES NOT IMPOSE ANY OBLIGATION ON PRODUCER MEMBERS TO
LIMIT PRODUCTION. BARBALHO ATTRIBUTED GOB RESISTANCE,
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EMPAHSIZED BY LOW LEVEL REPRESENTATION AT LATEST MEETING,

TO FORMATION OF CARTEL OR CONFRONTATIONAL ORGANIZATION AS
IMPORTANT FACTOR INFLUENCING FINAL OUTCOME. HE SAID
BRAZILIAN PARTICIPATION WOULD CONTINUE TO BE A MODERATING
ONE. BARBALHO SAID UEKI WOULD MAKE PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT
OF DECISION WITHIN NEXT WEEK OR TWO.

2. DURING CONVERSATION, EMBASSY OFFICER NOTED THAT USG HAD
EXPRESSED INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING IN PRODUCERS' ORGANIZATION
MEETINGS IN OBSERVER OR OTHER IFNROMAL STATUS. BARBALHO
SAID THAT GOB POSITION DURING TALKS ON FORMATION OF EXPORTERS
GROUP HAD ENVISAGED PARTICIPATION OF CONSUMERS, AND HE VENTURED
PERSONAL OPINION THAT GOB WOULD BE FAVORABLE TOWARD
US PARTICIPATION.

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